

CLAIMS

1. A method for operating a device with at least one partial programme step of "drying", characterised in that in the at least one partial programme step of drying, air from a treatment chamber and/or from ambient air is drawn through a sorption column and fed into the treatment chamber, wherein the sorption column contains reversibly dehydratable material and moisture is withdrawn from the air during the passage thereof.
2. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that the air is heated during passage through the sorption column by heat of condensation and if necessary, is additionally heated by a heater.
3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that for desorption of the reversibly dehydratable material, air from the treatment chamber and/or ambient air is passed through the sorption column and into the treatment chamber and is heated during the passage thereof.
4. The method according to claim 3, characterised in that the passage of air is undertaken during a programme step using treatment liquid to be heated.
5. The method according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that for desorption of the reversibly dehydratable material, air is passed through the sorption column and heated and the air is then passed through a heat

storage device for cooling and thereafter air for heating is passed through the heat storage device and into the treatment chamber in order to intermediately store the heat used for desorption in the heat storage device.

6. The method according to any one of claims 3 to 5, characterised in that for desorption the sorption column or the air is heated by a heater in a pipe to the sorption column.
7. The method according to any one of claims 3 to 6, characterised in that the treatment liquid and/or the goods to be treated are heated by the heated air which is passed through and the desorbed moisture from the sorption chamber is delivered at least partly in the treatment chamber or to the heat storage device.
8. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterised in that in a partial programme step using treatment liquid to be heated e.g. "clear rinse", air from the treatment chamber and/or from ambient air is passed through a sorption column when the heating is switched off and into the treatment chamber, wherein the air is heated by the heat of condensation in the sorption column.